

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

MICHAEL A. GRINDEMANN,

Plaintiff,

ORDER

v.

12-cv-205-slc

ROBERT HUMPHREYS, DR. MARGARET ALEXANDER,
DR. C. APPLE and DR. WESTENDORF,

Defendants.

Plaintiff Michael Grindemann, a former prisoner who was recently released from custody, has filed a proposed complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. He asks for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and has supported his request with an affidavit of indigency. The standard for determining whether a plaintiff qualifies for indigent status is the following:

- From plaintiff's annual gross income, the court subtracts \$3700 for each dependent excluding the plaintiff.
- If the balance is less than \$16,000, the plaintiff may proceed without any prepayment of fees and costs.
- If the balance is greater than \$16,000 but less than \$32,000, the plaintiff must prepay half the fees and costs.
- If the balance is greater than \$32,000, the plaintiff must prepay all fees and costs.
- Substantial assets or debts require individual consideration.

Plaintiff has no dependents and is not currently employed. He has no assets and minimal funds in his savings account. I conclude that he qualifies for indigent status. Therefore, plaintiff may proceed without any prepayment of fees or costs.

Because plaintiff is proceeding *in forma pauperis*, the court must screen his complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 to determine whether this case must be dismissed because the complaint: (1) is frivolous or malicious, (2) fails to state a claim on which relief may be granted;

or (3) seeks monetary relief against a defendant who is immune from such relief.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff Michael Grindemann's complaint is taken under advisement. As soon as the court's calendar permits, plaintiff's complaint will be screened pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. Plaintiff will be notified promptly when such a decision has been made. In the meantime, if plaintiff needs to communicate with the court about this case, he should be sure to write the case number shown above on this communication.

Entered this 30th day of March, 2012.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER
Magistrate Judge